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Food & Agriculture Department.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet Committee for Food Production held at 3-0 P.M.on 5-11-49.

Present:-

1-The Hon'ble the Premier (presiding).
2.H.M.(Land Revenue).
3.H.M.(Public Works).
4.H.M.(Agriculture).
5.H.M.(Finance) and
6.H.M.(Food).

Item 1 of the agenda:- Agriculture - Grow More Food - Intensive Cultivation Schemes - Scheme No.4 of the Two year plan -Purchase of 50 Caterpillar tractors during 1950.51 - Preliminary action for procurement of machinery.

The Joint Director of Agriculture explained why he is insisting on the purchase of Caterpillar tractors alone and a discussion then ensued. In the course of the discussion it was pointed out by Hon'ble Premier and Hon'ble Minister (Land Revenue). that the tractors already purchased were not working properly, that the average outturn was poor and that there would not be much use in going in for more tractors unless better results could be achieved. The Joint Director of Agriculture explained the difficulties in the working of the tractors and assured better results than in the past. Finally in view of the fact that the cost of the Caterpillar tractors has gone up as a result of the devaluation, the Committee decided to restrict the tractors to the number that could be purchased within the amount already estimated viz., ~~XX-XX~~-27.10 lakhs. (This would perhaps mean that the number of tractors to be purchased may not exceed 30) As Joint Director of Agriculture was very particular that only the Caterpillar types should be indented for, it was decided that Government of India should be approached again for the again for the purpose.

Item 2 of the agenda:- Irrigation - Formation of a tank across Marrivagu in Yerukollu village - Udayagiri taluk - Nellore district.

Approved. While approving the scheme, it was decided at the instance of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that the contribution to be collected from the ryots should be definitely fixed at Rs.25,000/- instead of having it at 1/4 of the total cost of the scheme. It was also decided that the work should not be postponed for the reason that the contribution has not been collected and that in cases of this kind, sufficient publicity should be given in regard to the levy of the betterment fee in respect of the lands to be benefited by the scheme after the new Irrigation Bill becomes law.

Item 3 of the agenda:- Irrigation - Grow More Food - Tank Improvement Schemes (Nellore) - Breached tanks - Investigation and Improvements - Special Sub Division and staff - Sanction.

Approved.

Item 4(a) of the agenda:- Report on points raised at last meeting:-

Whether it would be possible to earn the full subsidy of Rs.1-5 crores for Grow More Food Schemes, if the well Subsidy Scheme is given up.

In view of the fact that the Government of India have since decided not to give any cash subisdy under the well subsidy scheme, this question has lost much of its importance. The position was explained to the Committee and it was decided that the Government of India should be approached for special grant in the event of the well subsidies to which we have already committed ourselves so far in the past, together with the expenditure under other Grow More Food Schemes exceeding 1-5 crores.

Item 4 (b) of the agenda: Issue of a press communique explaining why it might not be possible to take up all schemes in view of the reduction of the 'block grant' by the Government of India.

The Committee accpeted the note and it was decided that no press communique need be published in the circumstances explained in the note.

Item 5 of the agenda:- Progress report on Grow More Food Campaign and the results acheived during September 1949.

There was no discussion in respect of this item, beyond a general observation that all the schemes should be pushed through as expeditiously as possible.

Item 1 in the supplemental agenda: Grow More Food - Tank Improvement Scheme - Creation of a fourth Executive Division with headquarters at Madras for work in Chingleput, North Arcot and South Arcot districts - Conversion of the Reserve Investigation Sub divisions at Tirunelveli North Arcot, South Arcot and Chingleput into regular Executive sub-divisions.

This consists of the following five items:-

1. The formation of the fourth executive division for tank improvement schemes.

2. Sanction of additional staff for the Second Executive Division at Madura:-

3. Sanction of additional staff for the Superintendent Engineer Food Production.

4. Sanction of additional ~~jeeps~~. tractors and bicycles and

5. Sanction of additional jeeps.

All these were approved as proposed in the note circulated.

It was decided to have the next meeting of the Committee at 3-0 P.M. on 7-12-49.

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8/11/49.

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To A.S.

A draft note for circulation is submitted below for approval.

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To A.S.

No further action is called for in this file. The papers may now be closed as G.O.Ms.No.1442 Food and Agriculture dated 21-11-49.

Sd. 20-11-49.

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